

# Bậc Cảnh Mềm Course 2018-2019 Syllabus

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## Part 1: Course Information

### Instructor Information

**Instructor:** Tuệ Đoàn  
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### Course Description

Students will explore questions and ideas through reading, in-class discussion and writing that are drawn from this course lectures. Core topics will be broken up to three quarters: Spring, Fall, Winter where each quarter respectively will have a Mid-term exam. There will be a comprehensive final exam at the end of Winter quarter.

#### Prerequisite

- Successfully passed and completed Bậc Mở Mắt Course

### Textbook & Course Materials

#### Required Text

- Online: [www.buddhistyouthgroup.org/gdptlieuquan/canhmem](http://www.buddhistyouthgroup.org/gdptlieuquan/canhmem)

### Course Requirements

- Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable)

### Course Structure

The course will be taught through PowerPoint slides for all the lectures throughout the entire course. The PowerPoint slides for each lecture will be all available online.

#### Online Resources

[www.buddhistyouthgroup.org/gdptlieuquan](http://www.buddhistyouthgroup.org/gdptlieuquan)

## **Part 2: Student Learning Outcomes**

- Understand Shayamuni Buddha's (Phật Thích Ca) History
- Understand Self-Forgiveness Sutra (Bài Sám Hối)
- Learn the origin of Bell (Chuông) and Wooden Fish Drum (Mõ)
- Understand the Buddha Chant (Hồi Hương Công Đức)
- Learn the Four Great Bodhisattva Vows (Bốn Lời Nguyện)
- Learn the Three Jewels (Quy y Tam Bảo)
- Learn proper practices for worshipping (Lễ Phật) & chanting (Tụng Niệm)
- Learn the Four Noble Truths (Tứ Diệu Đế)
- Learn the Noble Eightfold Paths (Bát Chánh Đạo)

You will meet the objectives listed above through a combination of the following activities in this course:

- Attend each class lectures
- Complete in class assignments
- Participate in class discussion

## Part 3: Topic Outline/Schedule

- **Spring Quarter:** Shayamuni Buddha's (Phật Thích Ca) History
  - A video clip that portrays it
  - A reading from the textbook
- **Fall Quarter:** Sutra & Chanting Materials
  - Self-Forgiveness Sutra (Bài Sám Hối)
  - the origin of Bell (Chuông) and Wooden Fish Drum (Mõ)
  - the Buddha Chant (Hồi Hương Công Đức)
- **Winter Quarter:** Shayamuni Buddha's core teachings
  - the Four Great Bodhisattva Vows (Bốn Lời Nguyện)
  - the Three Jewels (Quy y Tam Bảo)
  - the Four Noble Truths (Tứ Diệu Đế)
  - the Noble Eightfold Paths (Bát Chánh Đạo)

## Part 4: Grading Policy

### Graded Course Activities

#### Assignments

The assignments will be given **only** in class during the day you are present.

#### Late Work Policy

There will be no make up assignments or quizzes, or late work accepted without a serious and compelling reason and instructor approval.

### Letter Grade Assignment

Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total points earned and are assigned as follows:

Letter Grade	Percentage	Performance
A	93-100%	Excellent Work
A-	90-92%	Nearly Excellent Work
B+	87-89%	Very Good Work
B	83-86%	Good Work
B-	80-82%	Mostly Good Work
C+	77-79%	Above Average Work
C	73-76%	Average Work
C-	70-72%	Mostly Average Work
D+	67-69%	Below Average Work
D	60-66%	Poor Work
F	0-59%	Failing Work

## Part 5: Course Policies

### Attend Class

Students are expected to attend all class sessions.

### Participate

You may be reward participation points to boost your grades on whenever I see fit.

### Build Rapport

If you find that you have any trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, make sure you let your instructor know as early as possible. As you will find, building rapport and effective relationships are key to becoming an effective professional. Make sure that you are proactive in informing your instructor when difficulties arise during the semester so that they can help you find a solution.

### Complete Assignments

**All assignments for this course will be handed through me unless otherwise instructed.** Assignments must be handed by the given deadline or special permission must be requested from instructor *before the due date*. Extensions will not be given beyond the next assignment except under extreme circumstances.

All discussion assignments must be completed by the assignment due date and time. Late or missing discussion assignments will affect the student's grade.

### Commit to Integrity

As a student in this course (and at this university) you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and also integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom.

## Academic Dishonesty Policy

1. Academic dishonesty includes such things as cheating, inventing false information or citations, plagiarism and helping someone else commit an act of academic dishonesty. It usually involves an attempt by a student to show possession of a level of knowledge or skill that he/she does not possess.
2. Course instructors have the initial responsibility for detecting and dealing with academic dishonesty. Instructors who believe that an act of academic dishonesty has occurred are obligated to discuss the matter with the student(s) involved. Instructors should possess reasonable evidence of academic dishonesty. However, if circumstances prevent consultation with student(s), instructors may take whatever action (subject to student appeal) they deem appropriate.
3. Instructors who are convinced by the evidence that a student is guilty of academic dishonesty shall assign an appropriate academic penalty. If the instructors believe that the academic dishonesty reflects on the student's academic performance or the academic integrity in a course, the student's grade should be adversely affected. Suggested guidelines for appropriate actions are: an oral reprimand in cases where there is reasonable doubt that the student knew his/her action constituted academic dishonesty; a failing grade on the particular paper, project or examination where the act of dishonesty was unpremeditated, or where there were significant mitigating circumstances; a failing grade in the course where the dishonesty was premeditated or planned. The instructors will file incident reports with the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and for Student Affairs or their designees. These reports shall include a description of the alleged incident of academic dishonesty, any relevant documentation, and any recommendations for action that he/she deems appropriate.

**Important Note:** Any form of academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, may be reported to the GDPT Liễu Quán Liên Đoàn Trưởng.

**Course policies are subject to change.** It is the student's responsibility to check updates to the syllabus.